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# Reds Build Cuban Arms

Radar, Missiles  
Reported Among  
Military Equipment

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WASHINGTON — The United States said yesterday that Russia is pouring radar, electronic equipment and other modern armaments, including possibly ground-to-air missiles, into Cuba as part of mysterious military build-up.

For the last three days the State Department has made public, bit by bit, the extent of an August rush of Soviet men and arms to the Caribbean. More than 30 ships have landed supplies in Cuba from Communist bloc countries or are en route to Havana from Red ports.

Cuban exiles insist that "More than 12,000" Russian or East European soldiers have been landed. Their reports, published more than a week ago by Copley News Service, apparently triggered the flow of official information from the U.S. State Department.

## Speculation Rife

Washington officials still admit they have no concrete proof of the landing of Russian or other Communist troops. They do agree, however, that the reports have been seen in the

the Soviet arms build-up is designed to bolster Fidel Castro's government in the face of serious economic problems and the constant threat of new exile invasion attempts. Some observers linked the electronic equipment landed to a possible Russian effort to monitor U.S. rocket firings from Cape Canaveral, Fla., only 275 miles from Cuba. Ground to air missiles could be used against planes trying to support any invasion force.

Cuba has also charged repeatedly that its air space has been violated by low-flying U.S. military planes from Guantanamo Bay naval station.

The piecemeal State Department announcement of the arms buildup began Wednesday with President Kennedy's news conference statement that a large number of ships have been unloading men and supplies in Cuba.

## Information Sought

Washington sources report that the Copley News Service story of Russian landings, repeated from exile and underground factions, caught the State Department by surprise and touched off demands to the Central Intelligence Agency for information.

It is reliably reported here that the CIA has made available to the State Department information that Russian troops were photographed on the arriving ships and that regimental identification of units has been made.

The official U.S. recognition of the arrival of Russian arms and men has triggered a welter of claims and scare stories from various refugee factions. It is almost impossible to sift truth from fiction in the conflicting reports.

One exile source insisted today that "Chinese" troops have been seen in the

Navy or Coast Guard, possibly confirming these reports.

While Russian soldiers were landing on Cuba's northwest coast, some exiles said, the Chinese were disembarked at the northeast ports of Puerto Padre, Moa, Nipe and Cansada.

The increased flow of news on the landings from Washington is said to reflect a growing uneasiness in Kennedy Administration circles. It is known that for some time some elements of the State Department have sought to "soft pedal" news of the buildup, while others have been alarmed.

James B. Donovan, New York attorney who negotiated the release of U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers, is preparing to go to Cuba. His mission ostensibly is to negotiate an exchange for prisoners seized by Castro in the April, 1961, exile invasion of Cuba.

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